

Franklin County Council May 15, 2007  
County Council meeting room @ 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Brad Spurlock  
Hollie Sintz  
Kenneth Rosenberger  
Carroll Lanning

Elected officials:

Marlene Flaspohler  
Eric Roberts  
Thomas Wilson  
Judge J. Steven Cox  
Don Vonder Meulen

Franklin County Auditor:  
Carol L. Monroe

\*Hollie Sintz opens meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance and calls meeting to order

I. Whitewater Valley Public Library

a. Appointment to Board

- i. Melody Gault – Pat Combs is serving as President and doing a great job and would like you to reappoint her
- ii. Carroll Lanning – move to reappoint Pat Combs
- iii. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
- iv. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carries

b. Whitewater Capital Projects Plan

- i. Melody Gault – see attached plan. Reviews information enclosed.
- ii. Brad Spurlock – question how reading garden is in the Laurel library
- iii. Melody Gault - it is beautiful. Everyone is so proud of it.
- iv. Brad Spurlock – move to accept .0133 tax rate/capital projects plan
- v. Carroll Lanning – seconds the motion
- vi. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carried.

II. Minutes (April 24, 2007)

- a. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to accept minutes as presented
- b. Brad Spurlock – seconds the motion
- c. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carried

III. Courthouse Renovation/Court Expansion

- a. Judge J. Steven Cox – the magistrate was approved and will begin July 1 of this year. The magistrate will have to have another person and we will be taking care of that out of user fees. We are under process of moving extension office to this building (Government Center) and we are renovating the annex with user fees. Their deadline to be out of the annex is July 1. Marlene (Flaspohler) has worked tirelessly on the computer system to get rid of our old system that is falling apart. Training did begin today. Probation will be moving to where extension was (as well as the public defenders office). Prosecutor and Clerk will be downstairs. Because probation will be another building we will no longer be able to answer their calls, etc., they will need to have another person. Our two probation officers will continue to do the case load they are doing now. The court turned in for the economic development grant in Lawrenceburg and told we will hear something in the next three weeks. (The request was for seven hundred thousand.) I understand (in the renovation project) we are in the first round, the money left over in the original bond doesn't cover what we need to renovate in the old building. If we don't get the grant, we will need to start thinking about supplementing the bond. We know we have a judicial officer coming July 1. We are not the only people with user fees. The expectation of council is to use our user fees. Asking that it is made uniform across the departments that also have similar fees.
- b. Brad Spurlock – Council had to do an additional for juvenile fees. Is there anyway we can re-cope those fees?
- c. Judge J. Steven Cox – we do have parental participation. We do all we can do-we do 4-E eligibility, look into parental participation (those people usually are not in the position to recoup), etc. There is no state reimbursement. Vast majority of juvenile delinquent things are handled with private insurance, etc. Our placement costs *are* down.
- d. Kenneth Rosenberger – your extra person, do you know what that person will make?
- e. Judge J. Steven Cox – it will be full time and it will be less than the least paid deputy.
- f. Kenneth Rosenberger – will you be able to handle all of the extras?
- g. Judge J. Steven Cox – it is our understanding that you expect that. This year I have shorted funding some things I normally fund because of what we know; we have been planning for this. We know the rest of this year will be busy and expensive.

IV. **Resolution 2007-14** – Transfer of Funds

- a. Hollie Sintz – reads resolution
- b. Carroll Lanning – questions short of funds for S.A.C. part-time officer
- c. Susan Jones – last year we had \$4,000.00 and you cut it
- d. Hollie Sintz – how many part time?
- e. Susan Jones – one, Mendal quit
- f. Carroll Lanning – move to accept resolution 2007-14
- g. Brad Spurlock – seconds the motion
- h. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carried.

V. **Resolution 2007-15** – Additional Appropriation

- a. Hollie Sintz – reads resolution. Talked to Larry Franzman, they have two big cases up. The attorney they have now is less than what they are anticipating.
- b. Brad Spurlock – Don (Smith), are you housing state prisoners?
- c. Don Smith – yes, we are constantly housing state prisoners (D.O.C.)

- d. Brad Spurlock – with the lawsuits, why isn’t the county’s insurance taking care of it.
  - e. Susan Jones – because it is going to suit.
  - f. Brad Spurlock – don’t we have liability insurance for the county
  - g. Susan Jones – it only picks up so much
  - h. Brad Spurlock – the county has limited liability; that is not good. Who decides on what lawyer and what he charges?
  - i. Susan Jones - A lot of these we don’t get an attorney but then it gets another step up, I don’t understand it.
  - j. John Estridge – who is paying for the E.P.A. attorney?
  - k. Thomas Wilson – we are (flip tape)
  - l. Brad Spurlock – the insurance company says we aren’t going to do it-can we check in on that?
  - m. Carroll Lanning – will they try and recap any money from this guy?
  - n. Hollie Sintz – could the additional out of county general come out of rainy day? At the beginning of the year if we have any left we could put some back in rainy day.
  - o. Kenneth Rosenberger – sounds good
  - p. Brad Spurlock – motion to accept all except for county general
  - q. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
  - r. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carried
- VI. **Ordinance 2007-09** – Amended Salary Ordinance
- a. Hollie Sintz – reads amendments for 100-130 and 289; (no additional money)
  - b. Carroll Lanning – move to accept ordinance 2007-09
  - c. Brad Spurlock – seconds the motion
  - d. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carried.
- VII. Commissioner Lawsuit Attorney Bill for Clerk
- a. Marlene Flaspohler – questions when bill will be coming before the board
  - b. Carol L. Monroe – next month-it is just under \$21,000.00, correct?
  - c. Marlene Flaspohler - yes
- VIII. County option dog fund
- a. Thomas Wilson – have called about 12 counties and can’t find anyone that has adopted it. If they have any animal that is killed they pay it out of county general unappropriated.
  - b. Carroll Lanning – it is more trouble than it is worth.
  - c. Thomas Wilson – you don’t have to make a decision on it now.
- IX. Adjourn
- a. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to adjourn
  - b. Brad Spurlock – seconds the motion
  - c. Hollie Sintz – all in favor

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Secretary

John Estridge, Whitewater Publications

Melody Gault

Linda Bruns

Don Smith

To be approved 06/26/07